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Directorate of Intelligence
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 11:30 a.m. EDT)

1. There is no further significant evidence available at this time on the origin of hostilities. Cairo radio is claiming that the first captured Israeli pilot said, when interrogated, that he and his unit received orders to attack Egypt this morning. The report concludes: "It appears fully that the Israeli enemy was the one who started the armed attack." A televised recording of this "evidence" is being sent to the UN Security Council. Cairo radio has claimed that seven more "enemy airmen" have been captured in the Canal Zone.

EGYPT

2. A clear picture of the ground fighting has not yet emerged. The heaviest ground fighting apparently is centered around Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip.

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[REDACTED] Cairo radio reports that Israeli ground attacks against population centers in Sinai south of the Gaza Strip were repulsed.

SYRIA

3. Israel has hit three Syrian airfields -- Mezze near Damascus, Dumayr to the east, and a base south of the city. A petroleum tank farm north of Damascus appears to be burning. About 50 demonstrators assembled in front

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of the US embassy but made no attempt to enter it. Riot police are stationed at the embassy.

JORDAN

4. Israeli planes this morning bombed Amman [redacted] and hit [redacted], the radio station, and the airfield. The radio station went off the air, [redacted]

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5. Despite attempts to arrange a cease fire, fighting apparently continues in Jerusalem and all along the Israeli-Jordanian border. Jordanian forces [redacted] have occupied Mount Scopus. The Jordanians also have occupied UNTSO Headquarters, but the Israelis later claimed to have wrested control from the Jordanians.

ISRAEL

6. The Israeli military has stated that Syrian planes attacked Megiddo, close to the Jordanian border and that Jordanian planes hit the coastal town of Nethanya, 43 miles north of Tel Aviv.

OTHER ARAB STATES

7. [redacted]

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[redacted] Lebanese troops have been sent to the front, but no ground action appears to have taken place along that border.

8. Mobs have attacked the US and British embassies in Tripoli, and were prevented from marching on Wheelus Air Force Base outside Tripoli. Windows of the US Embassy were broken and cars burned. A mob also attacked the US Consulate in Benghazi. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] US F-4D and F-4C

aircraft at Wheelus have been ordered withdrawn to their home base, but the F-100 planes are being held temporarily. US and British embassies in Tunisia have also been sacked, and the British Consulate in Basra, Iraq has been attacked.

SOVIET BLOC

9. The US Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria has been attacked by about 50 Arab students and windows were broken.

10. No official Soviet statement on the outbreak of hostilities has been made public. Premier Kosygin's brief message to the President was a pledge to work toward ending the conflict and expressed the hope that the US would use its influence on Israel. Publicly, TASS has given only a few details on the fighting, blaming Israel for its beginning. Moscow Radio is broadcasting attacks on the Israelis, with the usual accusations regarding US backing for the "aggression."

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